Sri B. D. JATTI.—Who said 'No' ?

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, is it not a sin to have "Darshan" of Jagadguru when the Minister was on official duty there ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Please ask a question.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Is it not a sin to have "Darshan" of Jagadguru because I come across him in my tour ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—For the Hon'ble Member Sri Muckannappa it may be a sin. In my opinion, it is not a sin.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I know whether this was contemplated in the original official programme namely accompanying His Holiness the Jagadguru ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It was not contemplated by the Hon'ble Minister when he went on tour. When he was returning, on his way, the Minister accompanied the Jagadguru on his own request. Beyond that, there is nothing else.

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Sri B. D. JATTI.—It all depends upon our culture, Sir.

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Forfeiture of Deposit of the Contractors in Sharavathi Valley Project.

*Q.—26. Sri M. RAMAPPA (Harihar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government or the Chief Engineer (Major Irrigation) have forfeited or recommended for forfeiture the deposit of any big contractor or construction company of Bombay or any other place, working in Sharavathi Valley Project ;

(*b*) if so, the reason therefor ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the amount so forfeited is proposed to be refunded ?

*A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) It has been ordered that the standing deposit of a Bombay firm which offered tenders for certain works in Sharavathi Project should be forfeited.

(*b*) Due to non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the tender notification within the stipulated time.

(*c*) No.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—May I know the name of the firm and the amount that was deposited ?

†Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The name of the concern is : Hindusthan Erection Engineering Company ; and the amount deposited is Rs. 50,000.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—Has there been any application for the refund of the amount deposited ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I do not know whether he has made any application to the Chief Engineer. Government have not received it.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—Sir, for clause (*c*) of the question you have given the reply 'No'. I want to know whether he has made an application to the Government or to the Chief Engineer ; and if he has made an application, whether any recommendation has been received on his behalf by the Chief Engineer ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Not that I know of, so far.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—There is an allegation against the Government that it proposes to refund the amount. He is not entitled to it. That is the purpose for which I have put the question. I want to know from the Minister whether it has made an application ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I am telling the Hon'ble Member that I have not received either an application or any proposal to that effect so far. I am not aware of it.

† Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—I am sorry, Sir. I have put the question with a specific purpose. If an application is made, what would be the attitude of the Government?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I have said a blank 'No'.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—May I request you to withhold this question? It is a very important question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It may be important from the Hon'ble Member's point of view. Government have given a clear answer.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—I want to know whether an application has been received by the Government or the Chief Engineer?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Minister says that he is not aware of it.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— I am frankly saying that Government have not received any application of that kind, and even if an application is given, Government is not going to consider that application

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know under what circumstances you ordered the foreiture of this deposit?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The answer is very clear. Due to non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the tender notification within the stipulated time.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—I want to know whether many conditions or only one of the conditions was not complied with. I request the Hon'ble Minister to clear it and clarify the whole position, Sir.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—One material condition which justifies the forefeiture of the amount and cancellation of the contract has been breached and in that context, Government have taken action.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—What was the type of work that the firm had undertaken—supplies or construction?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Both construction and supplies.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—What was the type of work?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Pressure tunnel work and supply of kankar and surki to the left bank of Linganamakki dam.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—After that notification, is it a fact that the company came under liquidation?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—That was exactly the reason why the amount was forfeited and the contract had been annulled, because there was no company in existence.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Before forfeiting this amount, was any explanation called for?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—No explanation was necessary. That was the legal opinion. There was no company. The company was not in existence. With whom had we to correspond?

Construction of a Bridge over Hirehalla on Mundargi-Shirahatti Road.

*Q.—29. Sri C. S. HULKOTI (Mundargi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Minister for P.W.D. had made a promise nearly one and a half years back to construct a bridge over Hirehalla near Mundargi on Mundargi-Bannikoppa-Shirahatti Road in the District of Dharwar;

(*b*) whether the plans and estimates for the same have been prepared and technical and administrative sanctions given to it?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) The work was promised by the Minister for Public Works during his tour in the District.

(*b*) An estimate for Rs. 1.11 lakhs has been administratively approved on 16th February 1960. Technical sanction is yet to be accorded.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—Is it a fact that the foundation stone has been laid on this nala on the 23rd of the last month?

†Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—Yes. The Hon'ble Member himself presided over that function.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—Have tenders been called for?